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JOHN PARKE CELEBRATES HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY.

Family Reunion Marks Commemoration of Event in Life of Ploneer Resident.

John Parke, one of the oldest residents of St. Louis, celebrated his ninetieth birthday anniversary on February 2. To comorate the occasion a family reunion was held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. E. Wark, No. 4595 Cote Brilliante ave

has since lived here. For sixty-two s he lived on a farm near Old Orchard,



Who recently celebrated his ninetieth birth day anniversary.

The farm is near the old home of General U. S. Grant. Mr. Parke was a personal friend of General Grant.

The parents of Mr. Parke were Kentuck-tans. Mr. Parke has three sons and one daughter living. They are John S. Parke, Milton Parke, William Parke and Mrs. R. E. Wark. At the reunion there were twenty-seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren

BROKEN ARM CAUSED DEATH.

Engineer Succumbed to Blood Poisoning Due to Fracture. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Feb. 14. Frank Silike, 19 years old, of No. 1497 Vyse avenue, son of Leo Silike of Leo Silike & Sons, decorators, at No. 25 Fifth avenue, is dead of blood pols-

oning.

The young man had been recently graduated as a civil engineer from New York University. In the gymnasium last November he fell and broke his right arm. He decided recently to have the arm rebroken, as the first break did not mend properly.

This operation was performed by Doctor Munson, a university physician. Blood poisoning set in. The arm was amputated, but this did not save him.

School Children Will Masquerade. The Irving School Patrons' Association will give a children's masquerade ball at the North St. Louis Turner Hall, Twentleth and Sallsbury streets, next Friday evening.

Professor A. W. Greeley will address the Academy of Science to-morrow night on "Experiments on the Effects on Protoplasm of Variations in the Temperature."

AT MEAL TIME

Do you eat heartly and enjoy your food or do you have that "don't care" sort of feeling. If you do, you ought to take a few doses of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters at once, for if you neglect the matter, chronic dyspepsia may re-



Hostetter's Stemach is the best stomach medicine that selence can produce, STOMACH and will positively cure

Loss of Appetite, Sick Headache, Belching, Heartburn, Dyspepsia, and Liver and Kidney Troubles.

Don't fall to try

MORGAN'S CHARGE

Colombian Minister to Mexico Asks Him to Correct Statement in Senate.

INJURIOUS TO THE REPUBLIC.

General Reves Declares That No "Recent Chief Executive of Colombia Has Sold Out and Abdicated for a Million.

Mexico City, Feb. 14.-The Mexican Herald publishes the following telegram sent to Senator Morgan at Washington by General Rafael Reyes, Minister from Colombia at "Mexico, Feb. 13, 1903 -- To Senator Mor-

gan, Washington, D. C.: I read in to-day's newspaper that, in a session of the Senate on the 12th inst., you declared that a recent chief executive of the Colombian Govern-ment had sold out and abdicated for a milchief executive of the Colombian Government had sold out and abdicated for a million dollars. According to the Colombian Constitution, the chief executives are the President and the Vice President. The late President was Senor Don Manuel Antonio San Clemente, a venerable old man of over 80 years, whose reputation for integrity is widespread in all Spanish-American nations, and who died a few months ago, and the Vice President in charge of the executive office at the present time is Senor Don Jose Manuel Marroquin, whose uprightness is as well known as that of the former. "Neither of the two abdicated, and, therefore, the charge you have uttered is false, I must suppose, having regard to the respect which is due to the Senate of the United States, and to all nations of the globe, to your age and integrity and to justice and truth, that in makire the assertion in question you have given credence to false and malicious reports, the origin of which I invite you to publish.

"And I must expect that, acting with the courage and sturdy honesty of the men of the school of George Washington, among whom towers the present executive chief of your nation, that you will, in falrness, fulfill your duty of rectifying a charge as in jurious as false against my country.

"RAFAEL REYES,

"Colombian Minister to Mexico." INDIAN BABY CHRISTENED "JOHNNIE-ON-THE-SPOT."

"RAFAEL REYES.

He Made His Advent Into the World Just in Time to Secure a Government Allotment.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Macon, Mo., Feb. 14.-"I heard a little story the other day that vividly illustrates the North American Indian's rapid assimilation of American humor," said ex-Prosecuting Afterney Ben White to-day. Mr. White has just returned from the Indian

"The allotment rolls for the Chickasaws were closed at midnight on September 24. Julidren born after that hour were cut Children born after that hour were cut out, but up to midnight every male member of the tribe was entitled to 320 acres of land, worth about \$1,000, but which promises soon to be worth many times that amount.

"The evening of the 24th was an anxious time to a little Indian family dwelling not far from the registry office. An interesting event was anticipated. The watchers' eyes were fixed on the clock as the hands slowly, but surely, crawled around to the midnight hour.

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"At exactly 11:50 o'clock a brand new Ciffick of the male persuasion came into the world. The twenty minutes was worth \$1,000 to the family.

"He was christened, without any outside suggestion, Johnnie on the Spot." I have heard the term used several thousand times, but it never seemed to fit an event as strikingly as it did that one.

"There were plenty of witnesses to make affidavit that Johnny was born before the 25th, and there was no difficulty in proving up his claim to 330 acres of first-class land. "It is a crime to introduce liquor of any kind into the Territory, Apparently oblivious to the drastic rule, the Government will promptly issue to any man a drainkind into the Territory. Apparently oblivious to the drastic rule, the Government
will promptly issue to any man a drainshop license. The license, however, will not
protect him. Still, there is plenty of whisky
in the Territory, and I never heard of a
man dying there because of his thirst.

"Whisky is contraband, and may be
seized by anybody. If a fellow steals a barrel of it from a depot there is not likely
to be much noise made about it, because, if
the owner or the railroad undertook to
prosecute the parties for the theft, they
would have to acknowledge that they had
been violating the law themselves.

"One of the Magistrates of Muscogee,
Judge Gullet, told me that it was the hardest thing in the world to secure convictions
for violations of the licuor laws. The defendants will cheerfully admit that they
sell ale or Peruna, but deny its intoxicating
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"A barrel of whisky was recently selzed in a joint at Muscogee and the officers placed it in an unstairs vault in the Courthouse. The door was double locked and barred and the Territorial officers felt certain that they at last had made a case that would stick.

"The night before the trial some fellows slipped into one of the lower rooms and bored a hole through the celling under the vault and into the whisky barrel. Then they inserted a small hose and had a high old time. The defendant was promptly in court the next day, looking serene and thoroughly confident. The prosecutor was also confident, and it is said his eyes flashed triumphantly when he directed the Sheriff to unbar the vault and produce the evidence.

"When the mournful discovery was made."

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"When the mournful discovery was made that the spirits had flown there was nothing in the world to do but to applogize to the defendant and dismiss the case."

NEVER SAW OR HEARD OF BABY IN FACTORY TOWN.

Author of "The Woman Who Tolla" Tells Some of Her Own Experiences and Observations.

New York, Feb. 14.-The chapter of the book, "The Woman Who Tolls," which drew forth the broadside from President Roose

velt as to the fallure of Americans to mar-ry and produce large families, is, in part, as

ry and produce large families, is, in part, as follows:

(Copyright, 1993, by Doubleday, Page & Co.). The American woman is restless, dinastisfied, Society, whether among the highest or lowest classes, has driven her toward a desting that is not normal. The factories at full of old malds; the colleges are full of old malds; the colleges are full of old malds; the colleges are full of old malds. For natural obligations are substituted the fictitious duties of clubs, meetings, committees, organizations, professions, a thousand unwomanly occupations.

I cannot attempts to touch here upon the classes who have not a direct bearing on our subject, but the analogy is striking between them and the factory elements of which I wish to speak. I cannot dwell upon details that, while full of interest, are yet somewhat anide from the present point, but I want to state a fact, the origin of whose ugly consequences is in all classes and, therefore, concerns every living american woman.

Among the American-born women of this country the sterility is greater, the fecundity less, than those of any other nation in the world, unless it be France, whose anxiety regarding her depopulation we would share in full measure were it not for the foreign immigration to the United States, which counteracts the degeneracy of the American.

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When this is known, does not the philosophy of the American working woman become a subject of vital interest? Among the enems subject of vital interest? Among the enems wowhich act as potently in the lower as in the upper classes—the trimuph of individualism, the love of luxury. America is not a democracy; the unity of effort between the man and women does not exist. Men were too long in a majority. Women have become autocrats or rivals. A phrase which I heard often repeated at the factory speaks by itself for a condition: "She must be married, because she won't work."

What are the conclusions to be drawn? The American-born girl is an egotist. She works for luxury until the day when a proper husband presents himself. Then she stops working and lets him toil for both, with the hope that the budget shall not be diminished by increasing family demands.

In those cases where the woman continues to work after marriage, she chooses invariably a husband. There were a numm of with her husband. There were a numm of with her husband. There were a numm of with her budget at the knitting factory at Perry They boarded, like the rest of us. I never saw a haby por heard of a baby while I was in the town.

IS FLATLY DENIED & OPENING SALE NEW SPRING GO

New Silks, New Dress Fabrics, New Jackets, New Waists, New Skirts, New Laces and Embroideries, New Cloves, Etc.

15c 36-in. Finest Cambrics & Longcloths

At 9:30 a. m., for one-half hour. 500 yards 36-inch Finest White Cambries and Longcloths and Muslins, worth from 1215c to 15c—the finest of their kind; lengths from 2 to 12 vards; for one-half hour.

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New Silks To-Morrow.

colorings of the season in an exceptionally heavy all-silk satin fabric, worth fully \$1.00 per yard. 24 inches, 75c wide, per yard.

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ALL SHLK SATIN FOULARDS—In a complete assortment of new desirable designs and colors, up-to-date and elegant values, at, per yard, 39c and.

NEW CABLE CORD TAFFETA—All silk, heavy, rich quality, all leading colors of the season; also black; worth 75c, per yard.

NEW CORD WASH SILK—All silk, the new shades of Nile green, old rose, blues, pink and white, per yard. 59c

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New Dress Fabrics Morrow

We will make a special sale of 50 pieces All-Wool Etn-mines and Mistrals, colors gray, navy blue, reseda, cream, cadet blue, royal blue, etc. Special Price.... pieces 54-inch Granite Cloth, colors brown, green, cadet blue, reseda, gray, navy blue; value for \$1.25. Special Price... 5 pieces 40-inch French Vigoreaux, in all the beautiful mixtures of gray, tan, green, brown, blue; a very desirable Spring fabric. Special Price. We will make a special display of all the newest things in Mohairs with the metal dots, Cream Bedford Cords with silk stripes, Corded Albatross, Silk Cord, Nun's Veiling, etc., etc. Prices, 75c, 66c, 59c, 50c and......

Black Dress Fabrics.

pieces new black Volles, Etamines, Mistrals different qualities and weaves, now on sale porters' prices, at \$1.50, \$1.39, \$1.20, \$1.25, \$1.90, 75c and. pieces new black Mohair Brilliantines and Mohair Sicilians at \$1.25, \$1.00, 85c, 75c, 50c and pieces new black Cheviots and Imperial Serges in light and heavy weights for lined and unlined skirts in all grades; \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00, 85c, 75c and....

House Furnishings.



Wash Wringers, like cut, best white rubber rollers, 2-year guarantee, worth \$3.00. Sale Price...... Granite Coffee and Tea Pots. No. 14 Granite Saucepans,

Blue and White Granite Rice Rollers, worth 75c. Sale Price..... 45c 5c worth lac. No-Sag Curtain Stretchers, brass. fickel-plated pins, worth &c. Sale Price.

\$3.98



12½c Shirting and Shirt-Waist Percales at 9 a. m.,

For One-Half Hour. EXTRA SPECIAL-We will offer on sale Monday 2,000 yards of light ground Shirting Percules. These goods are 36 inches wide, in 2 to 10 yard lengths-hundreds are 36 inches wide, in 2 to 10 yard lengths—hundreds of different patterns to select from; absolutely worth

New Suits, Skirts and Waists TO-MORROW. We are opening new Spring Suits. See the special alues at \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15 00. We guarantee that no

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such values can be had as we show you. New Spring Dress Skirts. New Spring Walking Skirts. New Spring Silk Skirts. **New Spring Waists.**

Special Values in White Oxford Cloth Shirt Waists. 10 dozen of White Oxford Cloth Shirt Waistsshould be \$2.50-will open up 10 dozen Monday at.....

ast of this winter's goods going. What is left go at still lower prices. \$10.00 and \$12.50 Fine Kersey Jackets and Automobiles will go Monday at..... go Monday at\$10.00 25.00 Monte Carlo Jackets

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New Wash Fabrics To-Morrow. A great sale to open the season. An elaborate showing of all the new 1903 dainty Wash Fabrics, many of them ex-

clusive styles not to be found elsewhere. Novelty Zephyr Ginghams-Stripes, Checks and Plaids, in all new styles, in pink, blue, helio, green, red, etc.-adras, 200 different styles, in Fine Scotch Madras, 32 and 26 inches wide; all stripes and figures, white and colored grounds—for gents shirts and ladies' shirt waists—fine sheer fabric, sold ercerized Oxfords Madras, in dark and light grounds-hundreds of different styles, in all desirable colorings it is possible to make them in-come at once and look over the popular line which we are showing at, yard

our lines of Silk Ginghams are exquisite pictures to look at, for the colorings, weaves and designs far surpass anything ever attempted before-prices range from per yard 35c to.. 75c \$1.00 Feather Pillows

At 9:30 A. M., for one-half hour.

300 All-Feather Pillows, best quality fancy Ticking,
3 lbs. to each Pillow—worth up to \$2.00 a pair—
Choice for one-half hour, each.

\$2.50 Black All-Wool Skirt Patterns

At 9:30 a. m., for one-half hour.
50 Skirt Patterne black all pure wool
Imperial Serge, 52 inches wide, and actuany selling at the per yard or \$2.25 per
Skirt Pattern of 3 varies.
On Menday
morning, for one-half hour, 3 yards for

You Should See

The New Laces To-Morrow

Patterns Without End! Prices Will Suit You!

Point Verise Serpentine Bands, in genuine goods made in Plauen are the most desirable dress trimming this season. 10c 00) pieces Torchon English Wash Laces and Insertions, 2 to 3 inches wide, worth up to 19c per yard..... 5c 750 pieces Platt Val., Imitation Duchess, Lace and Insertion, 4 to 8 inches while, worth up to 29c per yard...... 500 pieces of Cambric Embroidery Skirt Flouncing, 3 and 12 inches wide, worth 250 per yard. 950 pieces of Cambric Embroidery, Edges and Insertions, openwork designs, 5 and 8 inches wide, worth 19c per yd....

You Should See the

New Trimmings To-Morrow

New Drop or Pendant Ornaments and Frogs, large assortment of styles, worth up to Ze....... 15c 75 pieces new Drawn Work Silk Braid, in all the new shades, worth 33c. 15c atest Novelties in Combination Rose Bud Applique, studded with cut steel beads, worth \$4.59...... dozen new Persian Pendent Ornaments; also fancy combinations and pearl—39c, 69c and .89c 100 pieces new Persian Bands at \$2.98 down to

Annual Sale of Table Linens, Towels, Crashes, Napkins.

TOWELING—All-Linen un-bleached Stevens's 5C DAMASKS—A large remnants of Turkey asks, worth up to Barnsley Roue th7½C TOWELING - 18 - Inch heavy linen Barns Toweling, worth TOWELING—30-inch very best all-linen unbleached Roller Tow-eling, regular value Harber Towels, red borders, a crackerjack: .bc powers 200 dozen more 19x39
bleached hemmed huck hand
Towels-don't miss
these; each 90 9c \$1.08 per dozen. TOWELS—18x36, fine quality lines Huck Towels; hemmed, fancy borders; each .15c

remnants of Turkey Re-asks, worth up to 50c yard..... 30c 49c DAMASKS-Another shipment of 72-inch all-linen heavy-weight 72-inch all-linen heavy Damask, same as two ago; 75c value for..... 47c DAMASKS — 66-inch all - linen heavy-weight, silver bleached, round-thread Damask, in popular designs, including spot and efover pat-Napkins to match, \$2.00

ITALY AGHAST AT DARING OF VARSALONA THE BRIGAND.

His Victims Are Rich Landowners, Who Pay Him an Annual Tax for Protection From Other Bandits - He Scorns Highway Robbery and Is Generous to the Poor,

of the white-gowned Sultan of Morocco, who is being hunted from his gorgeous throne because he rides a bicycle and takes snapshots of his superstitious subjects, there is no one in the news so picturesque, so ro-mantic and so fascinating as the bandit Varmantic and so fascinating as the bandit varsalona, who is at present engaging the attention of the entire soldiery of Sicily, and
is keeping even the War Office at Rome in
a state of unhappiness.

Puccini, or the unlucky Mascagni, or
Gabriele d'Annunzio will find wonderful muterial some day for stage uses in the exploits of this bandit, whose career leaves
that of Musolino quite in the shade.

Like Count Malatesta, who, living in a
grimy back room of a London slum, is supposed to direct the Anarchists in the assassination of Kings and Presidents, Francesco Varsalona started out in life rather
well. He was nine years ago a cavalry sergeant with a first-class record in the Italian
Army—impulsive and hot-headed, but a
good soldier, with ideas that might have
made him as will a general as De Wet if he
had kept on.

But one day somebody murdered his brothsalona, who is at present engaging the at-

good solder, with ideas that might have made him as wily a general as De Wet if he had kept on.

But one day somebody murdered his brother in Palermo. The man who was probably guilty of the crime was arrested, tried and imprisoned, but for some reason or other Varsalona got it into his head that a citizen named Provenzano was the real murderer. It became a matter of honor to him, just as it used to be with the participants in the Kentucky feuds, to kill this man.

SHOT HIS ENEMY.

Armed with a gun and provided with friends to help him stalk his prey, he finally ran his man down, stall his mere, he finally ran his man down, stall his mere, he finally ran his man down, stall his mere, he finally ran his man down, stall his mere, he finally ran his man down, stall him dead in a crowded street, pushed his surring point in the career of a man who has in him some of the qualities of a great leader was that there is some evidence to show that he had been duped by a friend who had a grudge against Provenzano and wanted to pay it without danger to himself.

Anyway, from that day to this Varsalona has been an outlaw, keeping the law at hay with one hand, so to speak, and with the other levying enough tribute from the Sicilian farmers to make him a rich man triches go in Sicily. It is doubtful if it will ever be known exactly how many people he has killed rince 1850, when he began with Provenzano, but one can get some idea of the total from the fact that ten deaths have

THE KNOWING ONES Are Many in St. Louis.

Hundreds of our readers know all about Doan's Kidney Pills. They have heard their neighbors discuss their merits and they have indorsed them publicly them-selves. Read what this citizen says. Can their neighbors discuss their merits and they have indorsed them publicly themselves. Read what this citizen says. Can you ask for better proof?

J. D. Pettell, carpenter, of No. 3831 Garfield avenue, says: "I injured my back while lifting and afterwards was suoject to attacks of dull aching across the loins for two years. I knew from the backache and from the excessive action of the kidney secretions that my kidneys were at fault, but I was at a loss to know what course to pursue to get relief. An advertisement about Doan's Kidney Pills led me to go to the Wolff-Wilson Drug Co. for Doan's Kidney Pills. The use of one box stopped the dull aching and corrected the action of the kidney secretions. Since then I have on more than one occasion emphatically recommended the use of the preparation. I would be only too pleased to continue my indorsation."

For sale by all dealers. Pric: 60 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

Paris, Feb. 14.-With the possible exception been laid to his door within the last six been laid to his door within the last six months.

Like his lately captured rival in crime. Muscolino, Varsalona has romantic ideas of right and wrong. Some of his villainies have been cruel and treacherous to the "nth" degree, as they say in mathematics, and on the other hand he has scorned highway robbery, has been generous to the pour and has been a good enough friend to those who stood by him, whenever it was not necessary to sacrifice them in order to save his own skin.

TAX ON LANDOWNERS TAX ON LANDOWNERS.

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TAX ON LANDOWNERS.

Varsalona's methods are simple in the extreme. He has an extended district, where many rich landowners and farmers live, and on these he levies a tax; they pay him so much a year—a good slice of their incomes—and he protects them from other gentlemen of the road. "And besides," he adds, almost as an afterthought, "if you do not agree I shall kill you." At first there were protests, followed promptly by sudden death. On the other hand, those who paid the tribute were fairly dealt with thereafter, lesser bandits being afraid to interfere with Varsalona's cilents.

Besides these "regular" revenues, which amount to several thousands of francs every year, our clever brigand has other sources of income. For instance, he demands large sums by letter, and on pain of death they must be delivered to a certain person at a certain time. If the victim complains to the police it is not the brigand who is taken prisoner, but his accomplice, while Varsalona is left free to wreak his vengeance on the person whom he intended to despoil, which vengeance usually takes the form of a particularly cruel and atrocious murder. One or two such lessons were quite

Most Remarkable Remedy That Quickly Restores Lost Vigor To Men.

A Free Trial Package Sent By Mail To All Who Write.

To All Who Write.

Free trial packages of a most remarkable remedy are being mailed to all who will write the State Medical Institute. They cured so many men who had battled for years against the mental and physical suffering of lost manhood that the Institute has decided to distribute free trial packages to all who write. It is a home treatment, and all men who suffer with any form of sexual weakness resulting from youthful folly, premature loss of strength and memory, weak back, varicocele, or emaciation of parts can now cure themselves at home. The remedy has a peculiarly grateful effect of warmth and seems to act direct to the desired location, giving strength and development just where it is needed, it cures all the ills and troubles that come from years of misuse of the natural functions, and has been an absolute success in all cases. A request to the State Medical Institute, 325 Elektron building, Fort Wayne, Ind., stating that you desire one of their free trial packages will be compiled with promptly. The Institute is desirous of reaching that great class of men who are unable to leave home to be treated, and the free sample will enable them to see how easy it is to be cured of sexual weakness when the proper remedies are employed. The Institute makes no restrictions. Any man who writes will be sent a free sample, carefully sealed in a plain package so that its recipient need have no fear of embarrassment or publicity. Readers are requested to write without delay.

sufficient for the district, and Varsalona has no trouble now in getting his money.

However, he is a gregarious creature, and rums startling risk for the pleasure of being with his friends—especially feminine, as he is somewhat of a ladykiller—and is, besides, very fond of all games of chance where money changes hands.

NARROW ESCAPES.

Many times it has only been his extraordinary presence of mind and ingenuity, to gether with a total disregard of the lives of others, which has carried him through a tight place.

Once he went to spend the evening with some people in a lonely house among the hills. Gambling went on after supper, and so absorbed did they all become that they forgot to keep a lookout. Suddenly the police battered on the door and demanded admission. Another man would have given up all as lost. Varsalona put out the light to the window, and from behind her seized the wife of his friend, dragged her shouted defiance to the police, who fired, but struck the woman, as the gallant Varsalona intended they should. In the midst of the uproar which followed he slipped on the poor woman's gown, threw her shawl over his head, and opened wide the doors, excaping into the darkness in the confusion.

No picture of the bandit, had ever been contained to the virgin near castronovo. The fact has been well known for some time, and then Virgin near Castronovo. The fact has been well known for some time, and then there. After one particularly airocious murder he started for this shrine. Two carabineers awaited him there. Varsalona and his latestance from the shrine, and the girl ove halted out of sight at a little distance from the shrine. Two carabineers awaited him there. Varsalona and his latestance from the shrine. Two carabineers awaited him there. Varsalona and mis latestance from the shrine. Two carabineers awaited him there. Varsalona and his latestance from the shrine. Two carabineers awaited him there. Varsalona and mis latestance from the shrine to the Virgin near Castronovo. The fact him there. After one others, which has carried him through a tight place.

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Except for excitement it is difficult to see how the bandit's life afforts him much fun. He is never safe in venturing from the mountains and may never even spend a whole night in any one place. He enters the hut of an accomplice—a hut having no windows, but a secret exit—say, at 11 p. m., seats himself on the ground with his back to the door and his gun between his knees, and thus sleeps until 1 a. m. He then departs, tramps perhaps an hour through the mountains to another hut, and there has another two hours' sleep, and so on. So used has he become to this life that he slumbers soundly, never snores and wakes punctually every two hours, or at the slightest noise or touch.

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Aside from the bolice, who have been until lately apparently a negligible quantily, the bandit has, of course, many deadly enemies, who have owed to have his life in revenge for kindred slaughtered; but he spends large sums yearly to maintain an admirably drilled little army of spies, who have enabled him to spend the whole nine years of his brigandage perfectly well known personally to every man, woman and child living there.

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As will be explained later, elaborate measures are being taken to capture him, and if he is not taken by the time this letter is published, it is practically certain that he will be cusmared before long.

When it happens you can be sure that a woman is behind it, for, although Varsalona is not a particularly attractive personality, he is-rich, is quick-witted and sympathetic, and is surrounded with a halo of romance and daring that is well-nigh irresistible to the Sicilian woman of his class. For the moment he loves with great fervor; but, alas! his fancy cools as quickly as it arises, and the fair lady is left lamenting. In a country like Sicily, where vengeance is always a personal matter of honor, this is a dangerous game to play, although, so far, fear has been his salvation.

Once a girl, a certain Rosa Pinetti, whom he had abandoned, determined to get revense.

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Overhearing an appointment for a certain night, she appeared on the scene and set the house on fire, but, unfortunately, waited to gloat over her victims. Her rivai perished, but Varsalona, choked with smoke and well shiged, managed to find his way out. He stumbled across the hapless Rosa, guessed the situation, took her to his arms, and, in spite of her struggles, threw her into the flames and prevented those present from resculing her. When he was sure of her death he exclaimed: "Thus perish all those who figit Varsalona!"

PRESENCE OF MIND. PRESENCE OF MIND.

Many are the anecdotes which illustrate his presence of mind.

Once he was in a house in the country which was suddenly surrounded by the police. He ran to the second story, threw something heavy among the bushes below, so the carabineers thought he had jumped, and all rushed to the spot to be sure that he should not escape, leaving the front door unguarded, out of which he tranquilly walked.

Of course, Varsalona wouldn't be up to the standard of bandit romance if he did not have in him a strong religious streak.

It speaks equally for his devoutness and daring and for the ineffectiveness of the mative carabineers that he persists in wor

only Picture of Bandit.

No picture of the bandit had ever been taken until one day recently, when he and the girl had stolen up to pray just as an amateur photographer, who happened to be hidden in the background, was focusing his lens on the picturesque shrine. The two newcomers got in the scene at just the right moment and were taken unawares.

A few days later the photographer exhibited a print from his film and was herrified to learn that he had snapped no other than the famous bandit, who would have slain him instanter if he had known what was going on. Soon after the photographer received a hint that if he valued his life it would be well for him to get out of the country that very night.

This photographer has proved particularly handy to the police, who, spurred up by the authorities at Rome, have now surried on a big campaign against the origand. The campaign has begun by the arrest of no less than 600 of the very men who have been varsaloma's victims. The charge against these men whom he had protected from lesser brigands in return for toils exacted was that they had given him information as to the whereabouts of the "arabineers. Most of them will be released after trial, it is said, but a few who have tetively assisted the bandit are likely to get heavy sentences, for the authorities have at last gove to work to put an end for good and all to the brigandage which has for years given Sicily such an evil sort of picturesqueness. ONLY PICTURE OF BANDIT

YOUTH WEDS GIRL HIS SENIOR. Bridegroom's Mother Complains in Vain to the Police.

New York, Feb. 14.—"My son Peter who is only 18, has gone and got married to a girl four years older than he. She was Miss Ruth Loveland. I tried to prevent him, but he didn't mind me, and got married on the quiet. He is too young. He was inveigled into it. What can I do."

Thus complained Mrs. Biward Schuetz before Police Capta'n Nugent of Jersey City. nerore Police Capta'n Nugent of Jersey City.

Peter was sent for. He came in and greeted everybody cheerily.

"Nobody influenced me," he said. "Tm married and I'm glad of it."

"You can't have that marriage annuilled."
said Assistant Corporation Attorney Gol-denhorn, who was an interested listener.

FOUNDLING HAS BEEN NAMED. Infant Was Abandoned at Have-

meyer Mansion in New York. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

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New York, Feb. 14—Maria Gaines is a name just added to the millions in New York. It is the name of the wee girl that servants found on the basement steps of Theodore Havemeyer's house, No. 21 West Thirty-ninth street, late on Tuesday night. It was sent to Bellevue Hospital, clothed in the best baby clothes the house afforded, warm and comfortable.

Why they christened it Maria Gaines no one at the hospital knows. Miss V. M. Walker of the State Charities Ald Association, acted as godmother and the Reverend Doctor Dwyer, an Episcopal clergyman, officiated at the christening.

W. A. LEWIN, M. D., 604 Washington Ave. NAPOLEON TEA SERVICE SOLD.

Tray and Cups, Once Property of Emperor, Brought \$180.

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New York, Feb. 14.—David C. Lyall's pottery, bronzes and brica-brac were sold in the American Art Galleries. A jade incense jar brought \$96; a jade bowl and saucer. \$105; a jade ornament in lotos pods and fungi, \$150. An ivory carving of a group of Buddhist disciples brought \$190, a pair of ivory tusk vases. \$400.

A tea service by Schoeleher, which was the property of Napoleon I and afterwards of Maximilian, brought \$180; a bronze figure by Peynot, \$175; a pair of Sevres vases, 45 inches tall, \$620. A snuff box, made of various woods, containing a lock of Martha Washington's hair, brought \$40. The total of the sale was \$7,629.99.

The Real Trouble.

Beryl: "I didn't find it very hard to learn how to skate. Did you, Sibyl?"

Sibyl: "I had very little trouble to really learn how to skate-but to forget what I learned was the hardest thing."

"To forget?"

"Certainly. When you really know how to skate it makes it doubly hard to conceal your knowledge so as to have the pleasure of having nice men teach you every season."—Baltimore Herald.

A DAILY NUISANCE.

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In its earlier stages catarrh is more of a nuisance than a menace to the general health, but sooner or later the disease extends to the throat, bronchial tubes and even to the stomach and intestines.

Catarrh is essentially a disease of the mucous membrane, the local symptoms being a profuse discharge of mucus, stoppage of the nostrils, irritation in throat, causing coughing, sneezing, gagging and frequent clearings of the throat and head.

The usual treatment by local douches, snuffs, saives, etc., often gives temporary relief, but anything like a cure can only be obtained by a treatment which removes the cafarrhal taint from the blood and the disappearance of the inflammation from the mucous surfaces.

A new remedy which meets these requirements and which so far has been remarkably successful in curing catarrh is Stuart's Catarrh Tablets.

These tablets act upon the blood and mucous membranes only. They can hardly be called a sceret patent medicine, as they are composed of such valuable remedies as Blood root, Hydrastin, Red gum and similar cleansing antiseptics, which cure by eliminating from the blood and mucous surfaces the catarrhal poison.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are large, pleasant tasting lozenges taken internally, allowing them to dissolve slowly in the mouth. In this way they reach the throat, fauces and the entire allmentary canal.

If desired, they may also be dissolved in water and used as a douche, in addition to the internal use, but it is not at all necessary to use a douche a few of them dissolved in the mouth daily will be sufficient. However, when there is much stoppage of the nose, a douche made from these tablets will give immediate relief, but the regular daily use internally of these tablets will give immediate relief, but the regular daily use internally of these tablets will give immediate relief, but the regular daily use internally of these tablets will give immediate relief, but the remedies of the local palace of the local p